

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of April 5, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 21-29 and 41-58 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 36 has been amended, and no new claims have been added. Claims 16-20 and 30-40 thus remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Specification Objections

The Office Action objects to the abstract of the disclosure, stating that said abstract exceeds 150 words in length and thus fails to comply with MPEP § 608.01(b). Applicants note that the abstract was amended in the Preliminary Amendment of August 11, 2003, and does not presently exceed 150 words in length. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the specification objections.

Claim Objections

Claims 27, 29, 36-40, 47, 50-58, and 56 have been objected to because of informalities. Claims 21-29 and 41-58 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended claim 36 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, to replace "computer-readable instructions for performing steps" with "computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to perform steps." In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this claim objection.

Double Patenting – Obviousness Type

Claims 16-17, 19, 21-26, 29-32, 34, 36-39, 41-46, 49-55, 58, were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims of United States Patent No. 6,006,206. Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome these double patenting rejections. Accordingly, Applicants request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 21-29, 41-49, and 50-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,807,224 to Naron et al. (Naron), in view of the anonymous article "Bits and PC's," and further in view of official notice. Applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 16-20, and 30-40 would be allowable upon filing of an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Applicants thank Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and submit that the objections and rejections related to these claims have been overcome as indicated above and in accordance with the terminal disclaimer filed herewith. The Examiner cites specific features or combinations of features of various claims as supporting their respective allowability. Applicants maintains that each independent claim is allowable based on one or more unique features recited therein, and do not believe the novel aspects of the claims to be so limited to the specific feature or combination of features as indicated in the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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